

## Problems May Force Britain Into Election

Failure to Reach Solution of Irish Question and the Unemployment Situation Irritates Nation

Premier's Prestige Ebbs

Demonstrations of Idle Army Renewed in London in March on Whitehall

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LONDON, Sept. 20.—The possibility that a general election will arise from the Irish negotiations and the unsatisfactory situation in the industrial world was given considerable evidence today. The announcement that Premier Lloyd George and Marquis Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, are not going to Washington must be regarded as pointing to a general election this fall.

Although there is a tendency in some quarters to regard De Valera's last telegram to Lloyd George as a marked improvement over its immediate predecessors, the refusal of the Sinn Féin president to withdraw vital conditions regarding recognition of Ireland as a sovereign state has produced a general feeling that the crisis in the negotiations has been reached. Arthur Griffith is supposed to have inspired Monday's message, for he is known to hold more moderate views than De Valera and unquestionably possesses more cleverness as a diplomat.

Delay Costs Leader's Prestige

Neither the Premier nor De Valera can feel as well satisfied with the situation to-day as they did a fortnight ago, for the prolonged exchange of messages and the quibbles over phrases and formulae, have soured the peoples of both England and Ireland. De Valera has lost much prestige and even Lloyd George has suffered a setback. A week ago the Premier's position was so strong that he had nothing to expect but approval from even his political enemies, but to-day he is being sharply criticized and charged with being in a dangerous situation.

"The Star," for example, says: "Let them get together and have done with what we have heard described as this 'Yan controversy'."

Though still in poor health and under the care of the King's physician, Lloyd George is compelled to give close attention to the Irish situation, and today he was visited at Gairloch by Winston Churchill and Lord Birkenhead, the latter having been cruising in nearby waters for several days.

Labor Problem Pressing

This afternoon eight of the London labor mayors, who went to Inverness in the hope of getting a conference with the Premier on the unemployment situation, became impatient and started on an eighty-mile motor trip to Lloyd George's residence. The Premier has summoned Sir Robert S. Horne, Sir Alfred Mond and T. J. MacNamara, the ministers who will form the Cabinet committee to investigate the unemployment situation. They are due at Gairloch to-morrow, and the Premier then will take full charge of a situation which is becoming exceedingly grave.

Lloyd George is not likely to forget his holiday in the Scottish Highlands, where he has been bombarded by telegrams from the Irish and the unemployed while fighting off a heavy

and an attack of neuritis. He is expected to return to London this week end.

London feared a renewal of the labor disturbances of last spring, which resulted in the barricading of Downing Street, when between two and three thousand unemployed men marched this afternoon from the western suburbs to Whitehall, where the Cabinet committee was discussing the reports of the local authorities on the unemployment scheme drafted last week. This was the first invasion of official London by the idle since the beginning of the present industrial crisis, and it was shepherded by a large force of constables and mounted police.

Deputation Sent to Cabinet  
The marchers sent a deputation to the Cabinet committee, demanding the abolition of labor exchanges and a uniform scale of relief. The others, who were accompanied by a band, meanwhile waited outside the Houses of Parliament.

The crowd declared its intention to make a demonstration through Whitehall if the Cabinet committee's reply was unsatisfactory, and heavy police reinforcements were summoned. On the return of the deputation, however, the procession marched away.

The object of the demonstration apparently was to impress the urgency of the problem on the members of the Cabinet committee, who will meet the London labor mayors at Gairloch this week.

Organized unemployed to-day picketed the gates of the Bromley Kent workhouse on the occasion of the opening of the guardian's labor yard. This had been planned for the benefit of numerous local unemployed, but has been boycotted on the ground that the pay scale is too low.

**Harding's Arms Policy Indorsed by Credit Men**

Atlantic City Convention Holds Only Hard Work Is Needed to Revive Prosperity

Special Dispatch to The Tribune  
ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 20.—The board of directors of the National Association of Credit Men passed a resolution to-day which will be forwarded to President Harding, declaring that the armed forces of the world should be reduced and indorsing the action of the President in calling a disarmament conference.

Another declaration of the board will be that the United States has hit the bottom of business depression and that only work is necessary to insure a return of prosperity. Other statements expressed were "abiding confidence in the soundness of the nation, the wisdom of moderation in seeking enactment of laws, and the necessity for raising the standards of business relations."

Forty leaders of American credit jurisdiction, who represent 33,000 men in practical control of the business credit of the country, decided to place technical questions in the background and bring about full and free discussion of ways and means for bringing the United States back to its normal position in trade and prosperity. A resolution which amounts to a declaration of principle on the part of credit men in America will be brought up for adoption during the convention.

Judge Whips Boys With Shoe

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 20.—Judge E. E. Porterfield, presiding over the Juvenile Court, stopped a session of that court to-day, removed one of his low shoes, and spanked four juvenile delinquents with it.

The four boys, in court for truancy from school, told the judge they would not go to school and asked him to send them to the McCune Home, the county home for youthful offenders. The judge sent out for a suitable stick, but none could be found. He then used his shoe.

"What about school now?" he asked when he had replaced the shoe. The four agreed to return to school.

## Lloyd George an Ardent Fisherman



The British Premier is here shown angling in the Kerry River, in Scotland, on a recent holiday in the Highlands.

## Harding Plans Solemn Day as Parley Opens

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delegates. I appreciate the honor and I feel that in the consideration of the questions which are to come up there should be no partisanship. The Democratic Senators, generally speaking, supported disarmament through the League of Nations and were for the Borah resolution. It is certainly not out of harmony with the sentiment in the Democratic party for limiting armaments for me to serve in this capacity. I desire to be helpful as far as possible in arriving at a useful and beneficial result."

Senator Underwood was asked about open sessions of the conference. He said he does not oppose open sessions, though he holds that it is not within the province of Congress to say what the policy should be, inasmuch as it cannot be settled by the American delegates and will have to be settled by the delegates from the different nations. Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, prominent on the Democratic side, will offer a revised resolution in the Senate to-morrow in favor of open sessions of the parley. He talked to-day with Senator Underwood about his plan. He

will ask the American delegates to the conference to do all in their power to bring about the admission to the sessions of members of the press; to have the proceedings made a matter of public record; to have all agreements made public before final action is taken on them; to have all votes in the open; and to have the conference oppose any censorship of the proceedings. He expects strong support from both sides of the chamber for the resolution. Senator Borah about the resolution and Senator Borah will support it.

Senator Underwood said his attendance on the sessions of the arms gathering would not interfere with him continuing as minority leader. He looks for a good deal of the time of the conference to be passed in informal discussions and proceedings.

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## Cecil Declares U. S. Mandate Ideas Practical

Withdraws Demand for Immediate Action and Says Council Can Modify to Meet American Demand

Early Agreement Urged

Admittance of Lithuania to League Is Voted; Vilna Is Referred to Assembly

GENEVA, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press).—Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa, after plainly indicating to the political commission of the Assembly of the League of Nations to-day that he thought the American claims respecting mandates could be satisfied, withdrew his demand that the terms of the A and B mandates be fixed at once.

It was pointed out that A mandates were so tied up with the Treaty of Sevres that it would be impossible to proceed immediately to adopt them. But Lord Robert insisted that the mandates concerning the former German African colonies could be fixed at once. H. A. L. Fisher, of Great Britain, said the Council could not accept a suggestion by the Assembly to adopt the mandates as proposed while negotiations were going on between the United States and the four mandatories.

Adequate Changes Advised  
Lord Robert replied that it was a question of taking into account the suggestions of the United States. The Council could boldly modify the mandates, he said, in the sense indicated by the United States and give the territories the status of which they were so much in need. Mr. Fisher insisted that the Council would refuse such a suggestion.

After Mr. Fisher, of Great Britain; M. Raynal, of France, and M. Boullet, of Belgium, had assured the commission that their governments would give the mandates commission every facility for scrutinizing the administration of the territories under mandate, Lord Robert withdrew his resolution, and the commission adopted the recommendation that the Assembly ask the Council to insist that the powers push the negotiations with the United States and reach an agreement at the earliest possible moment.

The relations between the Council and the Assembly, which remained rather vague after the first efforts of the popular body of the league to qualify them last year, took on an unexpected development to-day. The Council on its own initiative referred to the Assembly the Vilna dispute, which it had been considering for more than a year without reaching a conclusion. This is

the first instance in which the Council has thus recognized the joint jurisdiction of the Assembly and the Council in disputes of this kind.

Vote to Admit Lithuania

Immediately after the Council took this action the political commission of the Assembly adopted a proposal to admit Lithuania to the league. Professor Askenazy, of Poland, by order of his government, vigorously opposed the admission of Lithuania, alleging mistreatment of the Poles in Lithuanian territory. He proposed adjournment, but, after almost the entire commission spoke in favor of admission, he

said he would withdraw his motion if the Assembly promised to send a committee to Lithuania to investigate the treatment of the Poles.

Only Askenazy, Jonescu, of Rumania, and Spalakovitch, of Jugo-Slavia, voted against the admission of Lithuania.

Bishop Theophilus Noli, the Albanian delegate, to-day notified the political committee of the Assembly that hostilities had broken out on the frontier between Jugo-Slavia and Albania.

The Jugo-Slavs, Bishop Noli asserted, bombarded the village of Arras on Sunday last after delivering an ultimatum.

## Harding Discusses Railroad Rate Reductions With Cabinet

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A survey of the economic situation, both foreign and domestic, was made by the President and his Cabinet to-day; at the first Cabinet meeting held in ten days. Vice-President Coolidge sat in after an extended absence. Secretary of Labor Davis and Secretary of the Interior Fall were the only absentees.

General business conditions in this country were reviewed and a discussion was held of the program to be followed at the coming conference on unemployment.

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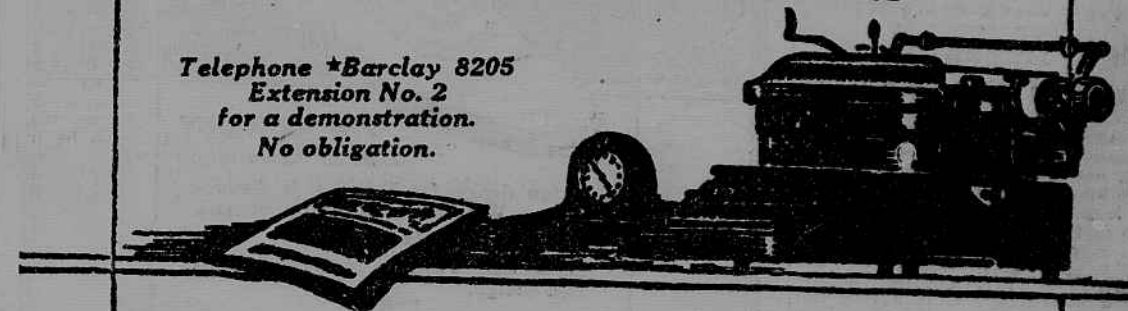
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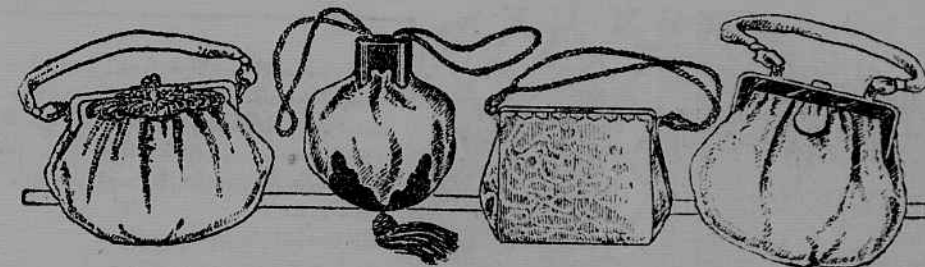
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